



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON D.C. 20460**

**OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD**

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Bridget DiCosmo
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1919 S. Eads St., #201
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Freedom of Information Request Number EPA-HQ-2013-006099 (duplicate FOIA number:
EPA-HQ-2013-007281)

Dear Ms. DiCosmo:

This letter is in response to your request dated April 1, 2013, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You are requesting copies of all submitted nominations and public comments filed in response to EPA's March 8 Federal Register notice requesting nominations of experts for a Science Advisory Board panel to review EPA's draft science synthesis report on the connectivity of streams and wetlands to downstream waters.

The Science Advisory Board (SAB) has identified 125 records responsive to your request. Of these documents, none were withheld in accordance with Exemption 5 under 5 U.S.C. §522 (b)(5), which allows an agency to withhold from disclosure inter-agency memoranda, e-mails, or letters of the deliberative process and none were withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6) which contain information (e-mail addresses and phone numbers and home addresses) that would represent and unwarranted invasion of privacy. Please find enclosed a CD which contains the requested information.

If you believe that the delivery of this FOIA is a denial of your request, you may appeal in writing to the National Freedom of Information Officer at:

Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
(2822T) Washington, D.C. 20460
Email: hq.foia@epa.gov

Please note that correspondence mailed only through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to the address above. If you want to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service, or via overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 64161, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your appeal must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter should include the request number listed above. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar-day limit. For the quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H. Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being more prominent and the last name "Brennan" following in a similar style.

Thomas H. Brennan

Deputy Director, Science Advisory Board